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1. In early February 1955, it became generally known in Magdeburg that no dismissals of VEB workers and employees were permitted. Dismissals made in January 1955 had to be revoked. Since there was an obvious lack of work at the VEBs as a result of the shortage of materials, it was believed that the edict ~~prohibiting~~ dismissals was to disguise the rising number of unemployed.
2. It could not be ascertained whether or not private enterprises were involved in this decree. A small unidentified private enterprise which had advertised for three special workers received 72 applications on the first day and 50 on the second day. all applicants were employed at VEBs.

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